

REMINDER

17 September 1947

RE: NATIONAL SECURITY COUNCIL

The National Security Council today decided that it would receive completely administrative support from the Central Intelligence Agency including personnel, supplies, administration of funds, and legal counsel.

~~The~~ liaison will be with Admiral Souers on behalf of the Council. No date is set for the first official meeting of the Council, sworn in today.

Immediate legal problems include proper authorization for the CIA to perform these functions, appropriate procedures for expressing official acts of the Council and the necessary administrative delegations for personnel employment, expenditure of funds, procurement and such matters.

It is planned at present that money available to the Council will be transferred for administration by Mr. Saunders' office, and that Mr. Kelly will make the necessary arrangements for personnel matters.

All administrative matters of the Council will be kept separate from CIA administration but will be based on the same standards, policies and administration.

The National Security Council hereby authorizes the Executive Secretary, National Security Council, to control, supervise, and administer funds which have been or hereafter may be made available to the National Security Council with full powers with respect thereto, subject to policies established by the Council. These powers shall include all authorities normally exercised by the head of a department or independent establishment in the administration of necessary functions, including the right to delegate such authorities to subordinate officials in the Office of the Executive Secretary and to officials of the Central Intelligence Agency, to the extent that the Executive Secretary deems necessary for the efficient provision of administrative and related services while maintaining control over the expenditure of funds and the performance of such services.